



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT CONNECTION
JANUARY 2014**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Hopefully everyone had a blessed Christmas and enjoyed time with family and friends. I trust that your sons and daughters are well rested and ready to begin the second half of the school year. **For latest school updates, check out the website – <http://www.hchscov.com>**

If you know of someone who does not receive this, please ask them to go on the website <http://www.hchscov.com> and add their email address to the list.

Academic Recognition

We would like to recognize and congratulate junior Nick Scheper and senior Regan Bales whose recent ACT score places them in the top 4% of students in the nation who took the test.

GENERAL ITEMS

School Resumes

School will resume on Monday, January 6.

Email Alerts

Some are still having difficulty signing up and deleting themselves from our email data base. It is necessary to confirm the confirmation email that is sent when a person registers. When you sign-up or delete yourself from the list you will receive a confirmation notice – you must reply to the message to complete your registration or deletion from the list.

Emails through the Website

Holy Cross recently changed website providers and it appears that the faculty emails are not always going to our faculty. If you do not get a response from a teacher right away, please call the office (859-431-1335) to be sure you are being directed to the proper email address. Our provider is working hard to get this situation resolved.

Parents Club Update

Thanks to all of the Parents who donated items for the Christmas project. We were able to help seven Holy Cross families who were experiencing some hard times. The families extend their sincere appreciation to all of you.

Buddy Cards

The Parents Club continues to sell LaRosa's Buddy cards. They can be obtained by contacting Katie Wesseling at katie.wesseling@hchscov.com or they can be purchased in the school office. LaRosa's Buddy Cards sell for \$10 and can be used 14 times for "buy a large pizza, get a large cheese pizza Free". The offer can be used for dine in or pick up.

Faculty Meeting

The January faculty meeting will take place on Monday, January 13th. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm

Open House

The second Open House for prospective students and their parents will be held on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. Please spread the word to students you may be aware of who are making decisions regarding their high school education.

Christmas Sale

Thanks again to Mr. Knox and Mr. McDonough for their great effort in organizing the Christmas Sale. Proceeds totaled approximately \$11,000.

Report Cards

Report cards for the first semester will be mailed out and should be received by January 15th.

Freshman Alumni Scholarship Application Deadline

The deadline for the Holy Cross Alumni Freshman Scholarship is Friday, January 10th. Applications can be obtained at the district grade schools or in the high school office.

Martin Luther King Day

There will be no school on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

All School Mass

The January all-school Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 15th at 11:00 a.m. All-school masses are held once a month.

Scrip Orders

Scrip orders are due on **Thursday, January 16th**. Order forms are available at <http://www.hchscov.com> Delivery will take place on or around January 23rd.

Annual Appeal

You should have received information regarding the 2013-14 Annual Appeal. To date, the response has been great. If you did not get a chance to look over the information that was sent, I ask you take the time to do so and consider a gift to this year's Annual Appeal. A pledge envelope is included in the pamphlet that you received or you can donate online through the website hchscov.com. We are counting on your support.

Prayer Service

There will be a Diocesan Day for Prayer and Penance for Life on Wednesday, January 22nd at 9:00 am for all schools in the Diocese. Bishop Foy has mandated this service with the intent that all diocesan schools are united in a common prayer for life. This coincides with the March for Life that is being held in Washington D.C.

Denim & Diamonds Donations

The Denim & Diamonds committee is working very hard on the upcoming event to be held on Saturday, February 1st at Receptions in Erlanger. **A letter was sent out requesting donations for this very important event. Collection days will be held on January 9- 15 from 7:20 – 8:00 each morning in front of the main office.** Donations in the form of gifts, gift cards, in kind services or monetary donations will be graciously accepted. All students who donate a gift will receive a tag day on Friday, January 17. Students who donate an item will also be eligible for a drawing for \$50 to be awarded on Thursday, January 16.

Denim & Diamonds Event

Reservations for the Denim & Diamonds Scholarship Endowment Auction and Dinner that will be held on Saturday, February 1 are now being accepted. Contact Katie Wesseling at 655-2192 or email Katie.wesseling@hchscov.com for more information. Committee meetings are Thursday, January 16th at 8:30 am, Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm, and Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 in the Drees House – 3620 Church Street – in the same building as the Indian Hut, but to the right. All are welcome.

Tag Day

There will be a tag day on Friday, January 10th, to benefit the Denim & Diamonds event.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 27 – 31. Holy Cross will be represented at the Diocesan Mass celebrated on January 29th at the Cathedral.

Snow Alerts

In the rare incidence of school delays or cancellations due to weather related issues, Holy Cross High School will initiate an automated phone call to school families as soon as a decision has been made. Automated phone calls are used for various reminders about school related activities. If you have not received these phone calls and would like to be added to the list, please contact the office at 431-1335 or email Mrs. Judy Borchers at judy.borchers@hchscov.com. I will also try to send an email out to parents as soon as possible. **Please note that weather related delays and cancellations will not be posted on the website.** Local television and radio stations will also carry the information.

Virtus Info for Volunteers, Coaches & Employees

All volunteers, coaches and employees at HCHS must be Virtus compliant and current with the monthly online bulletins. If you have not already done the online bulletin this month, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact our Virtus Coordinator, Tina Feldman at tinarfeldman@yahoo.com or at (859) 291-8588.

Annie Get Your Gun

The musical, *Annie Get Your Gun*, will be performed February 20 - 23, 2014 at Carnegie Center for the Arts in Covington. Showtime on Thursday through Saturday will be at 7:30. Sunday's performance will begin at 3:00 pm. For more information call 859-991-2444.

Amazon on the Website

With the introduction of the new website, a link is available for Amazon. If you already shop on line or would like to try it out - Just click on Fundraising Options at the bottom of the home page and it will take you to a page with an Amazon link. All you have to do to support Holy Cross is to use this link and HC will receive a percentage of your purchases. If enough shoppers use this link, Holy Cross can receive up to 7% of purchases! Please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers. This can be a huge fundraiser for Holy Cross.

OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS

Upcoming

Saturday, February 1 – Denim & Diamonds

Wednesday, February 14 – Sophomore Alumni Scholarship Applications available

Friday, February 14 – Booster Armchair Races – Admission is \$15 at the door.

Wednesday, February 12 – Sophomore Alumni Scholarship Deadline

Thursday, February 13 – Mulch Kick Off